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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)

Food & Drug Administration

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Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Docket No 98N-1038; Irradiation in the Production,  
Processing & Handling of food.

To whom it may concern:

I support the recommendation by the Center for  
Science in the Public Interest regarding labeling of  
irradiated foods.

Irradiation has been a hot bed of contention  
ever since its use was introduced. I'm not interested  
in making life easier for the food processing industry.  
I am concerned regarding the health & safety of all  
Americans, especially the children -

are you aware of the effort to control insect  
infestation of wheat in India years ago? after  
a test of irradiation of wheat was begun problems  
developed almost immediately when 4 out of 5 children  
eating irradiated wheat developed polypoid cells  
associated with malignancy - Not a single  
polypoid cell or any other type of abnormal cell was  
found in any of the children eating unirradiated

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98N 1038 heat.

I realize we live in a world of deception

and cover-up. Perhaps the answers to these questions would get to the cause of the problems.

- ① Why are we having high rates of contamination in the meat industry?
- ② What ever happened to the laws regarding cleanliness and sanitation?
- ③ Who are the people who own the meat business today and why aren't they held to higher standards?
- ④ Why would anyone want the large number of small irradiating plants set up to use nuclear wastes and products for fuel? This would be a whole new industry fraught with most of the dangers of other areas of the nuclear industry.
- ⑤ Why is it necessary to irradiate fresh fruits and vegetables? Is shelf life so important we will put at risk the most important part of our food supply? We already have a highly processed food supply that lengthens shelf life by adding partially hydrogenated oils, which are unhealthy.

Our freedoms are vanishing one by one. I do not want to lose my freedom of choice regarding the food we eat. We do not want to buy or use irradiated foods. We have recently learned the micro wave oven changes the biochemical structure of food -

Sincerely  
Marguerite Kelly

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